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31 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations
Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff
Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff
Chief, Psychological and Paramilitary Staff
Chiefs, Operating Divisions

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Approve Projects

REFERENCE: DCI Memorandum dated 17 October 1958,
Subject: Approval of Clandestine Services
Projects

RECISSIONS:

- a. Memorandum, DD/P 1-965a, from COP-DD/P to C/FI Staff, dated 26 June 1954, Subject: Delegation of Authority to Chief, FI in Approval of FI Basic Plans or Projects
- b. Memorandum, from COP-DD/P to C/CI Staff, dated 19 June 1957, Subject: Delegation of Authority to C/CI in Approval of CI Basic Plans or Projects

1. The authorizations delegated to me by the Director of Central Intelligence in reference (attached) are hereby delegated as delimited in reference to Chief of Operations, Chief CI Staff, Chief FI Staff, Chief PP Staff and Chiefs of Operating Divisions.

2. To facilitate the procedure for the approval of projects, the Chiefs of Operating Divisions will each designate a project officer or officers to be the point(s) of contact on matters affecting projects between the divisions and the chiefs of the FI, [REDACTED] (for FI and CI projects) and the [REDACTED] Plans and Review Division, PP Staff (for PP and PM projects).

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3. In exercising the authority delegated in paragraphs 2. a. (4) and 2. b. (4) of reference, the following procedures will be followed:

a. When a project for which the proposed annual authorization is \$10,000 or less reaches the project

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officer of a division, he will assure that the project is in order and that all required action has been taken except coordination with the proper senior staff or staffs. The project officer will then see to it that the project, in the required number of copies, is delivered to the proper senior staff as prescribed in paragraph 2 above.

b. If there is no fundamental objection on the part of the senior staff, the division project officer will submit the project to the division chief, or in his absence to the deputy chief, for approval and signature. This authority will not be redelegated. If the senior staff does have an objection to a project, resolution will be sought between the project officers of the senior staff and the division. Where agreement can not be reached, the matter will be referred to the chiefs of the senior staff and the division. If resolution can not then be obtained the matter will be referred to COP-DD/P for decision.

c. If the senior staff does not express its views on a project (\$10,000 or less) to the project officer of an operating division within 15 working days after receipt of the project the project officer of the division may then submit the project to the chief of the division for his approval. Upon such approval the project is valid.

4. The officer who approves a project is responsible for the project. He must be satisfied that the project is satisfactory in all respects and be prepared to justify it.

5. When a project calls for an annual authorization above \$10,000, existing procedures will continue for the presentation of the project to the senior staffs for their review and approval or reference to higher authority as appropriate.


Acting Deputy Director (Plans)

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Attachment

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